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RECOMMENDATIONS

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1. IN PREPARATION FOR THE MAY L5 PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE
ON THE WINDSCALE NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING EXPANSION
(REFTEL), THE GOVERNMENT HAS FORMALLY ACCEPTED ALL
SIXTEEN OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PARKER PLANNING
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INQUIRY REPORT, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE CONDITIONS ATTACHED
TO SOME OF THE POINTS.

2. THE RECOMMENDATION THAT BRITISH NUCLEAR FUELS
LIMITED SHOULD PUT GREATER EFFORT INTO REDUCING
EMISSIONS OF RADIOACTIVE KRYPTON-85 GAS FROM THE NEW
REPROCESSING PLANT WAS MADE A CONDITION OF THE AUTHORI-

ZATION. ENVIRONMENT SECRETARY SHORE TOLD PARLIAMENT THAT THE PROJECT SHOULD BE DESIGNED SO THAT A KRYPTON CLEANUP PLANT COULD BE ADDED "IF REASONABLY PRACTICABLE".

3. KEY POINTS ACCEPTED INCLUDE INSTALLATION OF MORE FACILITIES FOR WHOLE-BODY MONITORING OF ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO FEAR THEY MAY HAVE PICKED UP RADIO-ACTIVITY RELEASED BY THE NEW PLANT. ALSO, THE GOVERNMENT ACCEPTED THE PRINCIPLE THAT SECURITY MEASURES SHOULD BE VERIFIED INDEPENDENTLY OF ANYONE INVOLVED IN THEIR DESIGN OR OPERATION. THIS LATTER PROVISION APPLIES TO THE TRANSPORTATION OF PLUTONIUM, WHICH AT LEAST INITIALLY WILL BE CONFINED TO SURFACE SHIPMENT.

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